

**Amendments in the Claims:** (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added)

1. (currently amended) A hair sculpting device for sculpting locks of hair, said device comprising:

5 a panel having a first side, a second side and a peripheral edge extending between said first and second sides, a plurality of apertures extending through said first and second sides of said panel, said peripheral edge having a rectangular shape and including a first edge, a second edge, a third edge and a fourth edge wherein said first and second edges are positioned  
10 opposite of each other, said first edge having a pair of arcuate slots extending therein for selectively receiving said elastic band, each of said arcuate slots being defined by an inner wall having one of a pair of  
conduits extending therein, each of said conduits extending into an adjacent opening, each of said conduits having a channel extending therein  
15 from said first side, each of said channels extending from a respective one of said inner walls to said adjacent opening, said second edge having a pair of elongated slots extending therein, said elongated slots being spaced from each other;

a securing member for releasably securing the hair to said panel, said securing  
20 member comprising a resiliently elastic band positionable around said panel, wherein said securing member may be positionable through said channels, extended through said adjacent opening and looped into said elongated slots; and

wherein hair may be selectively positioned around said panel and dried thereon  
25 such that the hair is sculpted.

Claim 2 (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The hair sculpting device of claim 2 1, wherein said  
30 plurality of apertures is aligned in a plurality of rows positioned along perpendicular lines with respect to said first and second edges.

4. (original) The hair sculpting device of claim 3, wherein said plurality of rows includes a pair of outer rows and a middle row.

5 5. (original) The hair sculpting device of claim 4, wherein said apertures in said outer rows are aligned along parallel lines with respect to said first and second edges.

6. (original) The hair sculpting device of claim 5, wherein said apertures in said middle row being non-aligned with said parallel lines with which said apertures in  
10 said outer rows are aligned.

7. (original) The hair sculpting device of claim 6, wherein each of said apertures has a pair of oppositely positioned rounded outer edge.

15 Claims 8-12 (cancelled)

13. (original) A hair sculpting device for sculpting locks of hair, said device comprising:

20 a panel having a first side, a second side and a peripheral edge extending between said first and second sides, said peripheral edge having a rectangular shape and including a first edge, a second edge, a third edge and a fourth edge wherein said first and second edges are positioned opposite of each other, a plurality of apertures extending through said first and second sides of said panel. each of said apertures having a pair of rounded outer edges,  
25 said plurality of apertures being aligned in a plurality of rows positioned along perpendicular lines with respect to said first and second edges, wherein said plurality of rows includes a pair of outer rows and a middle row, said apertures in said outer rows being aligned along parallel lines with respect to said first and second edges, said first edge having a pair of  
30 arcuate slots extending therein, each of said arcuate slots being defined by an inner wall having one of a pair of conduits extending therein, each of

said conduits extending into an adjacent opening, each of said conduits having a channel extending therein from said first side, each of said channels extending from a respective one of said inner walls to said adjacent opening, said second edge having a pair of elongated slots extending therein, said elongated slots being spaced from each other;

5 a securing member for releasably securing hair selectively positioned around said panel such that the hair extends over said apertures, said securing member comprising a band being positionable through said channels, extended through said adjacent opening and looped into said elongated slots, said

10 band comprising a resiliently elastic material; and

wherein hair positioned on said panel is dried such that the hair is sculpted when removed from the panel.